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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(Report #183 - As of 11:00 am EDT)

NOTE: The next report of the Situation in the Dominican Republic will be issued at 1:00 pm EDT. Thereafter we will issue Situation Reports regularly at 5:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 5:00 am, 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Spot items of significance will be issued separately.

1. A US government team reports on its visit yesterday to the north coast port city of Puerto Plata. The team was well received by all officials of the local governor's office, the police and army commands. There was no indication of any significant rebel sentiment in the town. The food supplies appeared adequate, although there are some shortages and prices are rising. Gasoline is very scarce and when found is at least two dollars a gallon. It has previously been reported by US teams visiting other parts of the country that local merchants have been raising their prices on needed foodstuffs and a priest from San Pedro de Macoris said that the food prices were so high there as to make it impossible for the poorer people to buy any.

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